



UNDERFUNDED

\$170 million has been cut from Alachua County School facilities by the legislature over the past decade, while enrollment has grown.



DISREPAIR

29,000 students walk into classrooms daily with broken AC's, leaking roofs, and portables. Research shows this hurts their education, quality of life, and growth.



OUTDATED

The average school is over 41 years old, with outdated classrooms and many schools over capacity.

The Half-Cent Sales Tax is the ONLY OPTION!

The half-cent sales tax is the only option available to Florida school districts for raising the amount of money needed to revitalize existing schools, relieve overcrowding, and properly maintain facilities over the long run.

20+

More than twenty Florida districts already have a voter approved sales tax for facilities.

7¢

The half-cent would raise the existing sales tax in Alachua county to seven cents, the same amount currently in all nine surrounding counties.

\$5

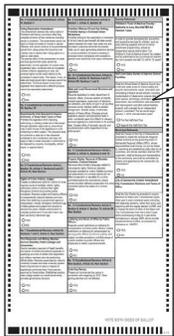
The half-cent would cost the average Alachua county family about \$5 a month, a small investment for our students and schools!

\$22 million

The half-cent sales tax will lead to \$22 million dollars per year going to our schools.

Election Day is November 6th!

Vote by November 6th, flipping over your ballot and voting kids first. Look for:



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- For the Half-Cent Tax
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THE BALLOT LANGUAGE

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SAFETY AND SECURITY

Most of our schools were designed and built long before security became such an important consideration. Although the district has made many improvements, more needs to be done to provide a safe environment for the students. However, with this effort comes an increased need for resources, which we don't have. In fact, Safe Schools funding from the state wasn't enough to cover the cost of having a full-time school resource officer/deputy in every school! This is why safety and security improvements are at the top of the Half-Cent for School ballot language. We want to ensure that teachers and students can focus on their primary mission-teaching and learning!

For more information, please visit: <https://fl02219191.schoolwires.net/Page/26740> and accpta.org/2018/08/08/half-cent-sales-tax-initiative/